

[20th October 1927]

A.—The Government cancelled the elections of the Presidents of the Tadepallegudem and Tanuku Taluk Boards said to have been held on 2nd June 1927 and 30th May 1927, respectively, after the postponement of the meetings summoned on these dates by the temporary presidents. The reason for the cancellation was that the elections held under such circumstances were in the opinion of the Government not valid.

Nominations to the Bhimavaram, Ellore and Narsapur Taluk Boards.

* 732 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state why three more members were nominated on the 28th June 1927 to the Bhimavaram Taluk Board, six more to the Ellore Taluk Board and four more to the Narsapur Taluk Board when the first nominations to these reconstituted boards were made on the 3rd May 1927?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to clause (f) of question No. 301 on 27th August 1927.

Nominations to the Tanuku Taluk Board.

* 733 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) why five more members were nominated to the Tadepallegudem Taluk Board on the 28th June and nine more to the Tanuku Taluk Board;

(b) by whom these names were recommended and how the gentlemen were found fit for nominations to these boards;

(c) whether it is a fact that elections to presidencies of these two boards were alleged to have taken place before these nominations were made; and

(d) whether it is with a view to facilitate the chances of particular candidates for the presidential election to be held again that these nominations were made?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to clause (f) of question No. 301 on 27th August 1927.

(b) The nominations were by the President, District Board, West Godavari. The Government have no information of the tests of fitness which he applied.

(c) Yes.

(d) No.

Enquiry into the alleged interest of some district board members in subsisting contracts of the board.

* 734 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether an enquiry has been held with reference to the alleged interest of certain members of the Salem District Board in subsisting contracts of the board; and

(b) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table of the House the report of the Inspector of local bodies?